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1. South Vietnam

The Viet Cong's "liberation radio" today announced that the Communists will begin recruiting men and women, aged 17 to 30, into "southern liberation youth shock teams" to support Communist front-line troops.

The precise role of these teams is left vague, but they are very likely patterned after North Vietnam's "youth brigades" which repair roads and perform other construction tasks. In both the north and the south, the aim seems to be to mobilize more female labor since males in this age group are much in demand for regular military service.

Extension of the system to the south at this time probably means that the Communists, like the South Vietnamese Government, are feeling the manpower pinch. The Communists seem to be feeling the pinch in other arenas, too. A document captured late last year made plain that they were having trouble collecting taxes in the delta area.

2. Dominican Republic

Ambassador Bennett and key Dominican officials met with Garcia Godoy last night in an effort to stiffen the president's backbone. Garcia Godoy nevertheless still seems reluctant to come out publicly against the general strike.

Today the president scheduled meetings with the strike committee and with various other labor leaders. The results of these talks will apparently determine whether he goes on the air tonight to put his case to the people.

The strike meanwhile continues to be effective in Santo Domingo and in the sugar towns throughout the country; its effects will probably be widespread if it is not ended soon.

3. Soviet Union

The latest satellite photography has pinpointed another of the Soviet Union's new defensive missile complexes which are believed to be intended for defense against bombers and cruise missiles. This complex--the twelfth identified so far--is located just north of Moscow. It may be for local defense of the capital area. If so, it is probably similar to the defensive systems detected earlier for the northwestern part of the country and for the Urals industrial area.

The photography also shows that six or possibly seven of the twelve complexes are nearing operational status. It also indicates that work is continuing on the electronic installations which are believed to be part of an antiballistic missile system for the defense of Moscow.

4. Ceylon

Prime Minister Senanayake has informed the US ambassador that he wants to come to Washington

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He expects to be able to set the dates for his trip within the next few days.

5. Singapore

More trouble between Singapore and Malaysia is developing. The latest issue concerns the continuing presence of a Malaysian infantry battalion in Singapore. Under last summer's separation agreement Kuala Lumpur is entitled to maintain its unit, but both Singapore and Britain had understood that it would be removed at about this time. Malaysia has now announced that the battalion will remain in Singapore indefinitely.

This situation could easily lead to new race riots in Singapore and also prompt Lee Kuan Yew to turn down the new tripartite defense arrangements with Malaysia and Britain which London is currently pushing.

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6. Rhodesia

The US Consulate General in Salisbury thinks that the economic sanctions taken so far are not sufficient to topple the Smith regime within the next several months. The consulate general is impressed with the solid support being given Smith and reports that the country shows a surprising degree of normalcy after three months of independence.

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7. Congo

Government forces in the eastern Congo continue to have trouble coping with the rebellion. Clearing operations west of Lake Tanganyika are now bogged down and four attempted penetrations of the rebel area have been turned back.

The rebels may number as many as 2,000, but so far they, too, have been unable to move into new areas of operation, even against thinly spread and poorly equipped government troops.

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